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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 23, 2005, rejecting Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10-14, and 17-26 and objecting to Claims 4, 5, 15, and 16 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-7 and 19-26 are pending according to Examiner (although Claims 1-7 and 10-26 currently stand rejected or objected to, and Claims 8 and 9 have been previously canceled), Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.